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King County Community Organizing Program Advisory Board Meeting Minutes February 15, 2011 SOAR Conference Room

Board Members present: Liz Wilhelm, Chair; Mark Howard, City of Seattle Emergency Management Services, Vice Chair; Helena Stephens, City of Bellevue

Guests present: Harla Tumbleson, Director of SOAR, Geoff Miller, King County Project/ Program Manager III

Staff Members present: Laura Quinn, Community Organizer; Sharon Toquinto, Prevention and Treatment Manager.

I. OPENING AND UPDATES

Harla Tumbleson welcomed the Board to SOAR, which will host the KCCOP Board meetings through 2011. He also gave an overview of SOAR and announced that they will be hosting their annual Pieces Conference on June 24 at South Seattle Community College.

Board and staff introduced themselves and gave updates on their work.

II. BOARD BUSINESS

1. Legislative Session

Sharon and Liz reported on recent legislative developments.

- The State Liquor Control Board is loosening up most laws in order to increase revenue, including a proposal to allow tasting at liquor stores.
- King County's MHCADS continues to track a bill that would prevent the same chemical dependency provider from offering both an assessment and treatment to a client.
- Another bill would require evidence based chemical dependency assessment
- There are several bills that attempt to clarify the medical marijuana laws, including how much a person can grow and if someone else can grow it for you.

- There are also several DUI bills, including increasing the current 10 year statute that a DUI now stays on someone's record, an ignition interlock device designed to keep impaired drivers from starting their cars, and special license plates for those convicted of a DUI offense.

2. Meth Action Team Update

Geoff Miller, Project/ Program Manager III with King County MHCADS, who has been working on the Meth Action Team, gave an update. He reported that the King County contingent had met with Carol Owens, the Safe Streets Contract monitor for these Federal funds. The Meth Action Team Executive Committee will meet monthly. Geoff will also work to schedule a larger Meth Action Team at the Criminal Justice Center in Burien. He clarified that these funds can be used to support prevention of drugs other than meth as long as meth prevention is included in the project. Geoff announced that he would share with the COP Board the most recent Drug Trends report from the State, as well as information on the GAIN assessment tool that provides standardized information on a client's chemical dependency, mental health and violence related issues. The Board expressed an interest in having a tutorial on the GAIN tool at a future meeting.

3. Prevention Redesign Initiative and COP Staff

The Board wanted to discuss expectations for Laura Quinn's time in regards to the Prevention Redesign. Sharon and Laura confirmed that so far, there has not been much time involved. There may be additional community organizing components once the final community selections are made. Sharon reported that the communities have not been chosen, but that two communities had turned down the opportunity. People did not seem to have a clear idea of what the redesign entailed, so King County had created a marketing tool to use when the next communities are approached. There has also been an issue about a 20% match that the Puget Sound ESD is asking for. Sharon reported that Community Mobilization is involved in the State-wide redesign effort, and that it followed a model of community organizing. The Board wanted to keep checking in on the project, and thought that if it did end up taking up a good deal of Laura's time, they might want to ask to help fund some of her salary from the DBHR funds.

III. PROGRAM REPORTS AND UPDATES

Laura presented her monthly report to the board outlining her work in all parts of the county.

The Minutes were officially approved, and Constance Perenyi was voted on to the Board.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

SOAR

801 – 23rd Ave S.

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12:30-2:30